

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Masanobu SEKI
Serial Number : 09/923,413
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For : TEMPERATURE CONTROL APPARATUS
Examiner : Ljiljana by V. Ciric
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PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

The Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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September 10, 2004

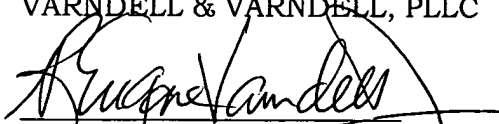
Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136, applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time for filing an appeal brief pursuant to the Notice of Appeal filed June 10, 2003. The Patent Office rules require an appeal brief be filed within two months from the filing of the notice of appeal. Accordingly, this petition for a one-month extension of time extends the due date for filing an appeal brief to September 10, 2004.

A check in the amount of ONE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS (\$110.00) for the one-month extension of time fee is attached hereto.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee therefor, as well as any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 22-0256.

Respectfully submitted,
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